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Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the June 26, 2002 Official Action (Paper No. 11) please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following as the first paragraph on page 1 of the description: ~~wt~~ This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/GB99/00583, filed February 26, 1999. ~~wt~~

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After the claims, please insert the attached

B2 "Abstract".

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 42-53, 64-65, 67, 71, 72, 80 and 90 as follows:

42. (Amended) An isolated peptide consisting essentially of at least one human MHC-binding epitope of the Tek protein having the amino acid sequence of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO. 1), the peptide being substantially free of sequences of native

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